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Jeffrey P. Meyers elected chairman of the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission

BATON ROUGE – Today, Jeffrey P. Meyers, Administrator of the Emergency and Radiological Services Division for DEQ, was elected Chairman of the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission (CILLRWC). In that capacity, he will be representing both Louisiana and the CILLRWC at the national Low-Level Waste Forum organization. Meyers is completing the term of Catherine Sharp, who voluntarily stepped down. Meyers is also serving as the Louisiana Commissioner; a position he has held since June 2008.

The Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission (CILLRWC) was established by the Compact Law and the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments of the 1985 (Public law 99-240). Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma comprise a four-state compact which regulates the disposal of low-level radioactive wastes generated within the compact. “The revenues generated are adequate to maintain the commission’s regulatory activities on a yearly basis,” said Meyers.

Since there is no disposal site presently within the boundaries of the compact, under the authority granted by Articles III, IV, V and VI of the compact, the commission may authorize the exportation of low-level radioactive waste generated within the region for disposal outside the region.

To fulfill its duties and responsibilities, the commission has established the policy that there shall be an application fee for any person making application to the commission to export these wastes for disposal.

For more information, please go online to: <http://www.cillrwcc.org/index.html> and <http://www.llwforum.org/>.

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